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## PAR Government Systems awards \$6.7M contract

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a \$6,784,083 contract to PAR Government Systems Corp.

The three-year agreement, Commercial Imagery Group Archive & Retrieval Support System (CIGARSS), is one of the largest ever awarded to PAR Government Systems Group, a subsidiary of PAR Technology Corp. of New Hartford. Work under the contract will be performed at the company's facilities in Rome and at AFRL's Rome Research Site in the Griffiss Business and Technology Park.

"PAR engineers will develop computer hardware and software into an integrated system at the 480th Intelligence Group, Langley Air Force Base, Va., that will support the commercial imagery-based production operations for the Air Force," said

Frederick W. Rahrig, program manager in the directorate's Information and Intelligence Exploitation Division.

"Commercial imagery has been a viable source of information to support Air Force intelligence operations and products," Rahrig said. "CIGARSS will facilitate the use and generation of products from those sources."

Technology developed under the PAR contract will also support the Air Force Geospatial Product Library, according to Rahrig. Intelligence analysts worldwide, who currently receive National Imagery and Mapping Agency digital products on compact disks, will be able to download those products via secure Internet connections.

The PAR agreement was negotiated by Bonnie L. Goetz of the directorate's Contracting Division. @